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Officers analyze Bundy's claims

QUANTICO, Va. (AP) — About 20 law enforcement officers from around the country on Tuesday began analyzing what serial killer Ted Bundy said before he was executed, in an effort to determine how many deaths and disappearances can be linked to the former law school student.

The FBI is holding the conference at its National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime in Quantico, Va.

"There are a lot of people out there, a lot of agents who have wondered if Bundy has committed crimes in their area," FBI spokesman Kathy Bradford said Tuesday. "They've done them before on other serial killer cases because they (serial killers) have a tendency to move around the country.

"It's just a matter of sifting through the facts and seeing what we can come up with."

Bradford said an announcement concerning details of the conference will be made either Friday or Monday, depending on what time officers finish their meetings on Friday.

Bundy was executed in Florida last month for the murder of an elementary school girl. Bundy maintained his innocence during the 10 years he spent on death row and sought help outside the prison walls in his appeal of the death sentence.

But as his appeals were exhausted and his execution date neared, Bundy confessed to 23 slayings in Washington state, Colorado, Utah and Florida. Some law enforcement experts claim Bundy may have been involved in 100 or more slayings of young women including deaths in Oregon, Idaho, Vermont, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

One thing agents will try to do this week is establish a chronology of where Bundy has been from the time he reached puberty in Washington until his arrest in Florida, FBI officials said.

The goal is to learn as much as possible about Bundy's movements so other convicted killers, present or future, cannot file appeals and attempt to shift guilt for their crimes to Bundy's shoulders, Florida deputy Attorney General Jim York said.

"I sure don't want a bunch of spurious appeals trying to blame everything in the world on Bundy," York said.

Bundy's attorneys asked the governor of Florida to delay Bundy's execution so that Bundy would have time to make all of his confessions. The appeal was denied.

Utah officials have said that Bundy may have confessed to eight slayings in that state, but they have been able to substantiate only five of the cases.

"We linked Bundy to five of them, but there was some comment that he was responsible for eight, and we're very much concerned which ones they are," said Salt Lake County detective Dennis Couch.

Notes from Bundy reveal efforts to delay execution

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — As Ted Bundy's execution day loomed last month, the convicted serial killer scribbled his will and final thoughts while trying to persuade officials to delay his death in exchange for more information about unsolved crimes.

The notes on legal-size paper, released Tuesday by Florida officials, reveal Bundy's strategy to get Gov. Bob Martinez to postpone the Jan. 24 execution.

"Don't want to lose chance to tell all," wrote Bundy in a seven-page outline. "Not asking for clemency, just time."

"Must focus on Martinez now and families," the 42-year-old former law student jotted in the margin of his note pad. "Need to draft letter and proposal to Governor."

Bundy later wrote that he was thinking of a 60-day death warrant to give him more time to work with authorities.

Martinez rejected the final overtures, saying Bundy had plenty of time during nearly 10 years on death row to review his criminal past with authorities.

"It will happen," Bundy wrote near the end of his notes. "It is happening."